You can make a liberal provision for fee concessions to such women students as really need them, for every deserving person ought to be educated. We should not allow "Village Hampdens and Cromwells and mute inglorious Miltons" to live and die in obscurity for want of an opportunity for the education which would enable them to develop their latent talents. But the country should not be bled white by helping persons who really need no help.

Lastly, I must refer to the question of Provident fund. We have a duty to persons who, having worked all their life, die in harness, leaving nothing behind. It is this consideration that has prompted many enlightened Managers to start schemes of Provident Fund. Our proposals include a provision for a Provident Fund. Contributions will be made equally by the teacher, the Manager and the Government. Under this scheme, it is expected that a teacher will have at the end of his service a sum of money sufficiently decent for him to fall back upon.

Sir, I have done. I have merely to say one word more to the House. One of the most agreeable features of the treatment of this question, which I might divulge to the House without betraying any confidence, is the manner in which this question has been viewed in the original Committee, the manner in which the question has been considered by officials of this and other departments and by the Government, and the manner in which educational interests have alone been considered at every stage, and every effort has been made to liberalise and more fully liberalise the recommendations so as to secure the highest benefits to our teachers. At each stage some further improvement has been made in our proposals. This has not been usual, but it has been fortunate. May I therefore not appeal to the House to show the same generous spirit in the passing of this grant so that we may be prepared to take the next step in educational reform with the unanimous assent of every one in the Council to the proposals, which it has been my privilege to place before the House today?

The grant was made.

DEMANDS XV AND XVI—MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Sir, I beg permission to move for enhancing the pay of the X-ray Attendant in the General Hospital. In this connection I wish to inform the House that the Attendant has put in 24 years' service. His present pay is only Rs. 10 in the scale of Rs. 9-11. This pay was fixed when we had only the old X-ray apparatus. We had no special department of electrotherapeutics as we have at present. Since then the pay of the engine driver and cleaner has been revised. The engine driver is getting Rs. 25 and the cleaner is getting Rs. 15. The Attendant's work has increased considerably. Formerly he had only to assist the Assistant in charge to take X-ray photos. Now, besides X-ray, there are also several other works to be attended to by him, such as diathermy, ionic medication, ultraviolet treatment, faradisation, galvanisation, cantery, etc., besides the routine X-ray work. I may also inform the House that there is only one Attendant and he is wanted everywhere,

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is that a pensionable appointment?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Yes, it is a pensionable appointment. He has got the pay of a peon only. I think I have sufficiently pointed out the necessity of enhancing his pay. We do not want any additional allotment for this purpose because we hope to find funds from the expenditure under the maintenance grant for the X-ray plant.

I also beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 350 for the purpose of opening a vaccination class attached to the Vaccine Depot. Though the class is designated as a vaccination class our purpose is not merely to train men for vaccination purposes. These vaccinators, if properly trained, can serve as Sanitary Overseers. We have found during the present epidemic that under proper direction they could efficiently do disinfection and administer medicines. They are very useful as regards improving the sanitation of villages. They will be very helpful in promoting rural sanitation which is a great want in our State.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): May I know what are the subjects taught there?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): They will have to undergo a course of training in public health under the Municipal Health Officer. Besides that they will have lectures on vaccination. Under the Municipal Health Officer they will have demonstrations as to how to conduct efficiently disinfection.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether there are qualified persons who have not been provided with appointments now?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): There are none. The whole batch that has passed out last time has been employed.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Are there women who have not been employed?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): I cannot say off-hand. I shall find out and let the member know.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is the member aware of a rule that females ought not to be appointed as vaccinators?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): In the case of gosha ladies women vaccinators will be of use. Several Mahomedan ladies would not allow male vaccinators to go and vaccinate them. So, I think there is a field for them also.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): കുട്ടികളെ വാക്സിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിനും സ്ത്രീകൾതന്നെ വേണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): അതുവേണമെന്നില്ല.

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I just wanted to point out that with regard to children there is no difficulty at all. But there are gosha ladies who object. Even in regard to protective inoculation we had to take a lady assistant to Tengapattanam to inoculate in the houses of respectable Mahomedans.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know whether the member is aware that there is a rule that females should not be appointed?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): That is the rule.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then does he not support the rule?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): I think in the present state of the country, we will require some females at least.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is the member aware that there are women vaccinators who have passed from the Sanitary Department in Travancore but who are not provided with appointments?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): I shall enquire into that. But in the class proposed, as we have a sufficient number of female vaccinators, we need not take in more female candidates. As I said the designation of vaccinators is misleading, because we hope to get a fair amount of work out of them in other respects also.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I ask the member whether he will give an undertaking that if qualified women are available they will be appointed in the vacancies?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Yes. But in all vacancies women are favoured today (*laughter*).

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): But would they be of use in rural areas?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Yes. They will be of use in rural areas where gosha ladies live.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Would it not be better to exclude women and thereby not create unemployment among them?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Because there are one or two unemployed among women that does not mean that there is unemployment among them.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): As regards the unemployment among women we have not got data.

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): So far as that is concerned I can say that the unemployment problem is not so acute among women as among men. I do not think it will ever become acute among women. In regard to vaccination class we will have entirely a class for men. The class consists of twenty and the course will extend to four months. The whole expenditure involved is only Rs. 350. We have to pay the Superintendent of the Vaccine

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Depot an allowance of Rs. 50 a month for a period of four months. Then we pay the examiners in certain subjects an honoraraium of Rs. 40. The Sanitary Commissioner has to be paid for conducting the examination in vaccination, the lecturer in Ayurveda and physiology to conduct an examination in physiology and then we have also to pay the Health Officer for conducting an examination in health subjects. He is given a remuneration of Rs. 30 for giving a practical course in health and allied subjects. We expect to receive Rs. 200 in the shape of fees. So the balance is only Rs. 150.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member whether any student should give an undertaking that he would take up Government appointment after training?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): If he is offered an appointment within a reasonable time, he should take up Government appointment.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the recent cholera epidemic had opened the eyes of the Government to extend the scope of relief in this direction?

DR. K. RAMAN TAMPI (*Inspecting Medical Officer*): Yes, usually they have to do vaccination only and nothing else. But we find that with better training they can do other sanitary works besides vaccination.

I also beg permission to transfer the sum of Rs. 760 that has been proposed to be given over by the Land Revenue Commissioner to the Sanitary Budget for the purpose of attending to the sweeping of markets.

The grants were then put and carried.

DEMAND XX—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. A. VIPAN (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 30,000 for the purchase of 3 new Steam Rollers. I have a statement here prepared for the information of the house. The State now owns 11 steam rollers. The length of metalled roads within the State, as everybody is aware, has increased and out of these 11 rollers at least 3 have to be condemned. One of these is 32 years old and another, the same period, a third 30 years and so on. There are only two rollers which have been purchased recently. The reason why this demand was not foreseen at an earlier date was that I wanted to go into the question carefully and find out whether we cannot repair the existing rollers. I had estimates made out and it was found that it would be an uneconomical proposition to attempt to repair them. These rollers have given good faithful service of 32 years and would cost Rs. 5000 for repair. The price of a new roller delivered at the Work Shops is only Rs. 10,000.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): What would be the estimated cost for repairing the rollers?

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